

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in this Application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-27 (cancelled).

Claims 28-36 (new).

Claim 28 (new). A feed metering device for distributing fodder or drink, or both, in metered portions to an animal, which feed metering device comprises a feed unit for containing fodder or drink, or both, an entrance opening to said feed unit, a feed supplying device for supplying an amount of fodder or drink, or both, to said feed unit, a closing means that is movable across said entrance opening in order to deter an animal visiting said feed unit from taking fodder or drink, or both, therefrom, said closing means being rotatable about an axis and driven by a roll which is provided to contact said closing means, said roll being driven by a motor, said closing means being movable about said axis so as to close said entrance opening by moving upwardly relative thereto, said feed unit having a catching element thereon which contacts and moves said closing means until said closing means contacts said roll whereupon said roll controls said closing means to cover said entrance opening entirely and said feed unit is no longer in direct contact with said roll so that said feed unit falls back into its original position for receiving fodder or drink, or both, from said feed supplying device.

Claim 29 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 28, wherein said axis is horizontal.

Claim 30 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 28, comprising weighing means.

Claim 31 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 30, which comprises a torque measuring device.

Claim 32 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 31, wherein said torque measuring device is operatively associated with said roll and said motor that drives said roll.

Claim 33 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 32, wherein said feed unit is subjected to a reciprocating motion by controlling said motion to generate a torque which is measurable by said torque measuring device.

Claim 34 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 32, wherein said weighing means is operationally associated with a pivot means about which said feed unit is rotatable.

Claim 35 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 34, wherein said feed unit is subjected to a reciprocating motion by controlling said motor to generate a torque which is measurable by said torque measuring device.

Claim 36 (new). A feed metering device in accordance with Claim 33, wherein said weighing means is operationally associated with a pivot means, said feed unit being rotatable about said pivot means.